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## clamp

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• **verb** 1 fasten in place or together with a clamp. 2 (clamp down) suppress or prevent something. 3 fit a wheel clamp to (an illegally parked car).

— DERIVATIVES **clamper** noun.

— ORIGIN probably Dutch and related to CLAM.

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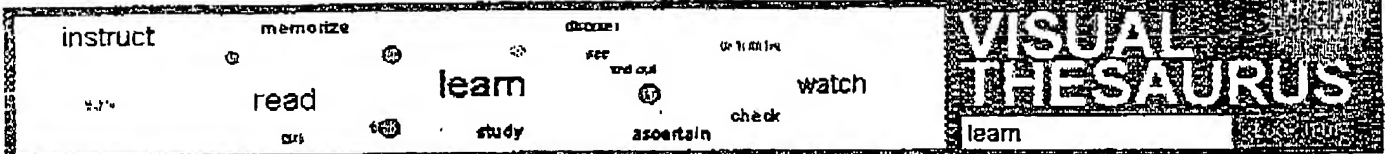


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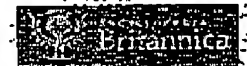
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2 a : to place by decree : **IMPOSE** — often used with *on*  
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**clamp** (klämp)*n.*

An instrument for the compression or grasping of a structure.

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**Main Entry: <sup>1</sup>clamp**

Pronunciation: 'klämp

Function: *noun*

: any of various instruments or appliances having parts brought together for holding or compressing something; *especially* : an instrument used to hold, compress, or crush vessels and hollow organs and to aid in surgical excision of parts

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**Main Entry: <sup>2</sup>clamp**Function: *transitive verb*

: to fasten with or as if with a clamp <the ligaments are *clamped* as usual and all excess stump is cut off flush with the hysterectomy clamp —R. C. Long>

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**clamp**

*n* : a device (used by carpenters) that holds things firmly together *v* 1: fasten or fix with a clamp; "clamp the chair together until the glue has hardened" 2: impose or inflict forcefully; "The military government clamped a curfew onto the capital"

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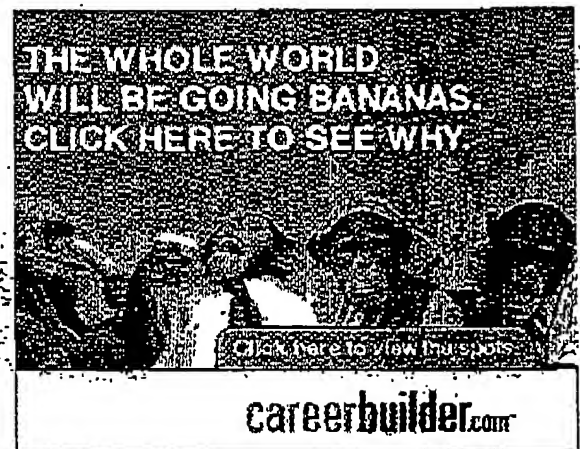
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